GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO VILLAGE PANCHAYAT IN UTTARANCHAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Village Panchayats in Uttaranchal particularly in Rudraprayag district which have not been connected with telephone facilities so far;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which all the Village Panchayats in Rudraprayag district are likely to be provided with telephone facility; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) 1695 Village Panchayats in state of Uttaranchal and 41 in Rudraprayag district have not been connected with telecom facility as on 31.3.2002.

(b) Uttaranchal, being a hilly state, remaining Village Panchayats are located in remote areas. Technically, it was not feasible to connect these villages on conventional terrestrial media.

(c) & (d) All the remaining Village Panchayats are planned to be provided with telecom facility on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and Satellite by December 2002 subject to availability of equipment.